

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An information recording/reproduction apparatus including a near field optical head having a minute aperture formed thereon, a substantially rod-like optical waveguide having a core and a clad, a reflection surface formed on one of end faces of the optical waveguide, for irradiating light to the near field optical head, a light reception portion and a recording medium, and utilizing near field light, a lens function is formed on a surface of the near field optical head different from the surface of the minute aperture, and a core end face is formed at an intermediate part of the optical waveguide.